

OREGON VEGETABLES

Oregon's 2002 production of four principal vegetable crops (sweet corn, storage onions, snap beans and green peas), totaled 979,240 tons, up five percent from 2001. Processed carrot estimates were discontinued in 2001. Area harvested for these four crops was 93,700 acres, close to 2001 levels. With the exception of Malheur County onions and processed sweet corn, acres harvested for all vegetable crops were down for 2002. The 2002 total value of production from Oregon vegetable crops was \$136 million, an increase of two percent from last year's total.

Total processed vegetable production of 408,740 tons (2.4 percent of US total) ranked Oregon fifth among the states. US estimates include lima beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, spinach, tomatoes, and cucumbers for pickles. The top five states accounted for 87.5 percent of total US

processing vegetable production, led by California with 65.9 percent of total production. Oregon ranked seventh in market vegetable production, unchanged from last year. Total production increased from 12,153,000 hundredweight in 2001, to 12,617,000 hundredweight in 2002.

Oregon storage onion value increased eight percent from 2001 due to increased production even though the seasonal average price dropped to \$9.25 per hundredweight, down from \$9.41 in 2001. In 2002, Oregon storage onions were valued at \$81 million. Sweet corn for fresh market and processing was valued at \$28.8 million, down five percent from 2001. Snap beans for processing were close to 2001 at \$21.0 million. The value of processed green peas was \$5.1 million, down 26 percent from 2001.

Value of production, percent of total, Oregon, 2002

